

Georgetown City Council Meeting
June 3, 2013
6:00 pm

The meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney, with all members present. After a moment of silence Councilmember Tackett led the pledge.

1. **Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember McEuen to approve the minutes from the City council meetings held May 28, 2013. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. **Public Concerns**

a) Steve Price responded to the interstate exchange and the resolution with Toyota concerning the plant expansion. Mr. Price referred to the drivers manual stating the manual suggest driving less which this resolution violates.

Mr. Price has sent letters to the judges, jailer, and public defenders in the city requesting they approve a vocational training program with focus on horticulture.

Mr. Price is concerned about the mufflers on lawn mowers. Mr. Price cited a KRS that states it is illegal to run mowers with a defective muffler.

b) Dave Slone Director of EMS gave a brief report on the new billing company. Mr. Slone will be recognizing the Legacy students at the June 24th council meeting.

3. **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Varney recognized the SCHS boys' baseball team and the SCHS girls' softball team.

4. **Discussion of Fiscal Year 2014 Budget**

Stacey Clark Finance Director provided council with the changes they had requested at the previous meeting. Councilmember Showalter stated that a two and a half percent decrease in the intelocal budgets would be a \$96,000.00 savings. The five percent decrease in the operating cost of all other city departments will save \$107,000.00. The three percent raise for city employees is a total of \$289,000.00.

Councilmember Tackett believes the cuts of five percent and two and a half percent are minute. Councilmember Tackett suggested the insurance premium tax be increased by two percent. This would be a long term plan that could pay for the police department over the next seven to ten years.

Councilmember Lusby is in favor of not filling the vacant positions that are currently funded.

Councilmember Penn asked Mrs. Clark the total amount of net profits collected. Through May 24th \$903,000.00 has been collected.

Councilmember Singer asked where the \$600,000.00 landfill payment will be allocated. Ms. Clark stated that this will be addressed on a yearly basis and that this year it had gone to balancing the budget.

Councilmember McEuen is not in favor of the five percent cut across the board for all city departments. Councilmember McEuen is in favor of the long term plan that Councilmember Tackett has suggested.

A motion to cut two and a half percent from all interlocals not to include the revenue commission or the chamber of commerce was made by Councilmember Showalter and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames. **The vote was a tie vote with council members Showalter, Tingle-Sames, Singer and Thompson voting yes. Mayor Varney broke the tie with a NO vote.**

Councilmember Showalter made a motion seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames not to fund the two vacant positions in the fire department totaling \$110,000.00 and to revisit this in January. Councilmember Singer believes this is a mistake and puts not only the firefighters in danger but also our citizens. **The Motion failed 5-3 with council members Showalter, Tingle-Sames and Lusby voting yes.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by councilmember Lusby to accept the budget with the five % decrease in operating costs. After some discussion Councilmember Thompson rescinded his motion.

Councilmember Singer asked about the increase in the parks and recreation budget. Geri Remley Director of parks and recreation explained the increase in water was due to the water coming from three different suppliers and a 3% raise for part-time employees that did not receive a raise last year. Advertising has increased due to the future launch of the new website. Councilmember Lusby asked if there was funding for the extension of the Legacy Trail in The parks and recreation budget. Ms. Remley answered no and that there was currently only \$18,000 needed to begin the extension. A motion to give 9,000.00 to the Legacy trail fund contingent upon the county matching the amount was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. Councilmember Showalter asked what the money in the general fund on the public relations line was used for.

Councilmember Lusby restated his motion to take \$5000.00 from public relations in the general fund and add \$4000.00 to the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion to accept the original budget with no cuts and leaving the \$175,000.00 for construction documents was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Thompson. **The motion failed 5-3 with council members McEuen, Tackett and Thompson voting yes.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to accept the five percent reduction budget. **The motion passed 5-3 with council members Penn, Showalter and Singer voting no.**

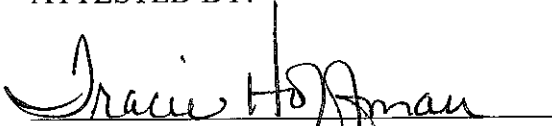
The first reading of an ordinance approving the fiscal year 2014 budget will be read June 10, 2013 at the regularly scheduled council meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Singer and seconded by Councilmember Penn.

APPROVED


Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk-Treasurer